

Mary Ellen Cunningham



72, a resident of West Fork, passed away Saturday, October 28, 2017 at Willard Walker Hospice Home in Fayetteville. She was born November 10, 1944 in Alva, Oklahoma, the daughter of Lewis and Eula (Floyd) Nilson.

Mary has worked for Wal-Mart for the past 40 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother George Nilson and one sister Dora Bell Nilson

Survivors include her husband Jack Cunningham; one son Brian Cunningham and wife Nita of Conway; two daughters Stacey Stills and husband Stephen of Prairie Grove and Leigh Franklin of Berryville; one sister Mollie Weaver of Tulsa, Oklahoma; one brother Larry Weaver of California; nine grandchildren Ashley, Hannah and Charles Stills and Toby, Thad and Trey Franklin and Denver, Brian Michael and Brian Jr. Cunningham; one great granddaughter Harper Stills.



Mary Ellen Cunningham
November 10, 1944 - October 28, 2017

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

Luginbuel Funeral Home
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

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Mary attended public schools in Alva, Oklahoma and graduated in 1962. That fall she enrolled at Northwest Oklahoma State Teacher's College and on February 24, 1963 she married her high school sweetheart Jack Cunningham. From that marriage they had three children and together traveled to several Air Force Bases. Jack was in the military for eight years. They decided to change their lifestyle and settle down in West Fork, Arkansas.

Mary's first "Real Job" began in 1971 by hiring in at Wal-Mart Store #6 in South Fayetteville. She worked at three different Wal-Mart Stores during her career. During those years she held several job titles including Photo Specialist in Store #144 on MLK Boulevard in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

She was known as "Mary C.", the lady with the walker. She was hindered with Scoliosis and Parkinson's Disease for several years but continued to work full time until September of this year. The disease finally took its toll and hospitalized her seven weeks where she succumbed to the disease. Mary accumulated forty years-plus at "Wally-World" and loved every minute of it. She will be truly missed by her family, Wal-Mart family and her Wal-Mart customers.

In addition to loving her husband, kids, grand kids, Wal-Mart family and life in general, it goes without saying her other "true love" was her horses. From showing to trail riding and such she simply loved them. She had just as many pictures of her horses than she did of her family.

We know she is where she belongs, with Jesus and her loved ones that have passed before her and of course her horses.

Rest in Peace My Love - Jack and kids...

CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF

Mary Ellen Cunningham

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE

Thursday, November 2, 2017 - 2:00 P.M.
New Sulphur Free Will Baptist Church
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Music Selections

"Amazing Grace"

Obituary
Prayer

Danny O'Neal

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Words of Comfort
Closing Prayer

Randy Burris

"Peace In The Valley"

Family Memories Video

"Precious Memories"

"A Closer Walk With Thee"

"Take Me Home, Country Roads"

Postlude Music Selections

GRAVE SIDE SERVICES WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE
CEMETERY. THE FAMILY WILL REMAIN AFTER
THE SERVICE TO VISIT WITH FRIENDS.

FINAL RESTING PLACE

West Fork Cemetery - West Fork, Arkansas

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Ashley Stills - Hannah Stills - Charles Stills
Denver Cunningham - Brian Michael Cunningham
Brian Cunningham Jr - Toby Franklin, Thad Franklin
Trey Franklin - Danny Williams - Greg Sutton

To Those Whom I Love & Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go.

I have so many things to see and do,
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,
But be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess
How much you've given me in happiness.
I thank you for the love that you have shown,
But now it is time I traveled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It is only for a while that we must part,
So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.
And if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,
All my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you come this way along,
I'll greet you with a smile and a say

"Welcome Home!"

